



Foreword

The purpose of this module is to help Extension personnel assist their communities in times of disaster. These materials refer not just to disaster preparedness, but to surviving disaster situations and recovering from them. Our intention in this lengthy work is to give Extension personnel a full view of disaster-related activities during each phase of a disaster, at each level of government, and with various community-based resources.

Federal and state disaster preparedness agencies view the land-grant program in each state and its personnel as important links to local communities. Naturally, in conducting Extension programs, we must develop close ties to our communities and the regions we serve. Thus, we have a built-in advantage as a rapid communications team for reaching local individuals and groups in the event of emergencies.

Our first responsibility is to take care of our families. Beyond this, we feel a responsibility to our communities to serve as vital communication links to facilitate effective state and federal remediation programs.

Emergency preparedness is a serious business and an important concern to everyone in Extension.

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